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SUBJ: UNITED NATIONS PRESS BRIEFING, JANUARY 6

1. UNITED NATIONS PRESS SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING JANUARY 6 ANNOUNCED SYG WALDHEIM HAD RETURNED TO UN HEADQUARTERS AND HAS FULL SCHEDULE. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN PERM REPS HAVE APPOINTMENTS JANUARY 6 TO SEE SYG AS PART OF WALDHEIM'S MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS AND THAT WALDHEIM EXPECTS TO SEE OTHERS IN COMING DAYS.

2. UN SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON SOVIET WITHHOLDING PORTION OF ITS UNEF ASSESSMENT (USUN 21) COMMENTED ALONG LINES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT ON UNEF OPERATIONS BECAUSE UNEF OPERATIONS HAVE RUN INTO THE RED BEFORE. SPOKESMAN CONTINUED BY REMARKING THAT SYG HAS NO VIEW ON THIS LATEST ACTION; OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT NOT PAY. ASKED WHETHER USSR HAS LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PAY ITS SHARE, SPOKESMAN COMMENTED TO EFFECT THAT WHEN THE ASSEMBLY VOTES ON SUCH A MATTER MEMBER STATES ARE LEGALLY BOUND TO RECEIVE THE BILLS.
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LAGOS HOLD FOR AMB YOUNG

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US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (DR.
SEITZ) BRIEFLY EXPLAINED IN PREPCOM FEB. 3 THAT THE
US OFFER TO HOST THE CONFERENCE DERIVED FROM THE SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION THE US CAN MAKE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
CONFERENCE'S GOALS BY ENCOURAGING THE INVOLVEMENT OF
US INDUSTRY, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. PICKING UP ON A PHRASE THE AUSTRIAN
DELEGATE USED EARLIER IN REFERRING TO AUSTRIA'S OFFER
TO HOST THE CONFERENCE, SEITZ REFERRED TO "FRIENDLY COMPETITION."
THE MEXICAN DELEGATE INTERVENED IN RATHER ARGUMENTATIVE FASHION
IN SUPPORT OF MEXICO'S OFFER TO HOST THE CONFERENCE,
BASING IT ON POLITICAL APPEAL FOR HOLDING IT IN A
DEVELOPING COUNTRY. THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATE THEN REITERATED
HIS GOVERNMENT'S OFFER. (USUN 331)

9. WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES --

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NICOL (SIERRA LEONE), ONLY SPEAKER IN DEBATE FEB. 4,
TOLD THE WORKING GROUP HIS REMARKS WERE PRELIMINARY
BECAUSE CONCRETE PROPOSALS MUST AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE
CURRENT REGIONAL MEETING IN AFRICA CONCERNING A CODE
OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE COMPLAINED
THAT THE SECRETARIAT REPORT PAID INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO
THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ROYALTIES TO THE ILLEGAL REGIMES
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND HE HOPED THAT "OVERSIGHT --
DELIBERATE OR OTHERWISE -- " WOULD BE RECTIFIED. THE DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
TOLD HIM THAT THE CENTER HAD TRIED TO CONFINE ITS REPORT
TO CORRUPT PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY ILLICIT
PAYMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS,
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IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE MANDATE GIVEN BY ECOSOC WHEN IT
ESTABLISHED THE WORKING GROUP. HE ADDED THAT THE CENTER
WAS PREPARING A SPECIFIC REPORT WHICH DEALT IN
DETAIL WITH ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE
WORKING GROUP'S NEXT SESSION.

10. COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID --

RAPPORTEUR RAO (INDIA). IN STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN SOUTH AFRICA, INFORMED THE COMMITTEE FEB. 4 OF MASS ARRESTS
AND OF PLANS FOR 52 TRIALS OF NATIONALIST LEADERS
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION
TO NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS OF NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED
IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT, WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD
"ARM THE RACIST REGIME WITH WAR-TIME POWERS" FOR CENSORSHIP,
ADDITIONAL MILITARY SERVICE FOR RESERVISTS, AND SUPPRESSION
OF INTERNAL DISORDER. "THIS DRACONIAN LEGISLATION IS
AN OPEN ADMISSION ON THE PART OF THE REGIME
THAT THE COUNTRY IS IN A STATE OF WAR," RAO DECLARED,
EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE THREE PERMANENT SECURITY
COUNCIL MEMBERS WHICH, BY THEIR VETO, HAD "OBSTRUCTED EFFECTIVE
ACTION" BY THE SC WOULD NOW JOIN IN ADOPTION OF A MANDATORY
ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE RACIST REGIME. RAO ALSO REFERRED
TO REPORTS THAT THE SO-CALLED BOPHUTHATSWANA HOMELAND
WOULD BE DECLARED INDEPENDENT DEC. 6, 1977, POINTED
OUT THE "ABSURDITY" OF INDEPENDENCE FOR SIX SEPARATE AREAS
WITH NO COMMON BOUNDARIES. THE APARTHEID REGIME SHOULD
BE STERNLY WARNED AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT AT ECONOMIC
STRANGULATION OR BLACKMAIL AGAINST BOTSWANA, WHICH WAS ADJACENT
TO THIS BANTUSTAN, AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT ITS
CYNICAL TACTICS USED AGAINST LESOTHO WHEN IT TRIED TO FORCE
THAT COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI.

ANC REPRESENTATIVE MHLAMBISO ALSO STATED THAT THIS NEW BAN-

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TUSTAN SHOULD BE "CONDEMNED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS."
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HE SPOKE OF THE ARRESTS AND PLANNED TRIALS OF ANC LEADERS, AND STATED "A WAR IS ON WITH SOUTH AFRICA" AND IT IS TIME TO THINK SERIOUSLY OF ASKING THE SC AGAIN FOR CHAPTER VII ACTION, INCLUDING ACTION AGAINST THOSE "HELPING SOUTH AFRICA." NEUGEBAUER (GDR) CALLED FOR CONCRETE ACTION ON MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO, AND AGAINST MILITARY AND NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH THE APARTHEID REGIME, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH IT BY STATES AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

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